

PORTLAND HARBOR

Natural Resource Trustee Council



Chip Humphrey
Kristine Koch
Portland Harbor Project Managers
VIA EMAIL

Dear Chip and Kristine:

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Portland Harbor Natural Resources Trustee Council (Trustee Council) in response to a request by the Lower Willamette Group (LWG) to delay the date for delivery of the Portland Harbor Draft Feasibility Study (Draft FS) until March 30, 2012. The Trustee Council is made up of representatives of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, the Nez Perce Tribe, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the United States Department of the Interior, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The Trustee Council has concerns about additional significant delays in the delivery of the Draft FS. As you know, the delivery date for the Draft FS has slipped several times over the last two years. While the Trustee Council appreciates the complexity of developing such a document for a site of this magnitude, we do not believe that a further delay of four and a half months is warranted beyond the already extended date of November 15, 2011, for delivery of the Draft FS. Postponing the due date only results in further delays for the much-needed clean-up work at the site, potentially resulting in further injury to our trust resources. Although we do not support extending the due date until March 30, 2012, as requested by the LWG, we would not oppose a compromise that allows a reasonable amount of additional time to complete this complex document.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 503-753-1310.

Sincerely,

Erin Madden
Chair, Portland Harbor Natural Resources Trustee Council

cc (via email): Trustee Council Representatives
Rose Longoria, Yakama Nation
Patty Dost, Pearl Legal Group
Bob Wyatt, LWG Chair